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"(b) The Deputy Commissioner is taking appropriate action in the matter.

"(c) The income for fasli 1362 from the properties was Rs. 30,993–4–1 and 4,953 paras of paddy. Income from the offerings for the same fasli was Rs. 4,860–12–5.

"(d) Rs. 7,713–6–9 and 3,367 paras of paddy during fasli 1362.

"(e) The monthly salary of the Executive Officer of the temple is Rs. 200 in the scale of Rs. 200—15—300 plus a dearness allowance of Rs. 43 per mensem."

Extension of electric supply in Tanjore district.

* 1025 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount spent on the extension of electric supply in the Tanjore district during 1952–53 by the Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"The Government Electricity Department is not supplying electricity to any part of the Tanjore district directly. The whole of the district is being served by electric licensees. The question of the Government spending any amount on extension schemes in the district does not therefore arise. The total amount spent by the concerned licensees during 1952–53 on extensions in the district was Rs. 7,87,047."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"கிராமப் பகுதிகளில் துரிதமாக மின்சாரத்தை விஸ்தரிக்க தனிப்பட்ட நபர்களிடமிருக்கும் மின்சார கம்பெனிகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது உத்தேசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"We have just passed the Act. We will be taking action in due course. If the licensees have been doing well, we will be going slow. That is what I have stated."

Fair price shops.

* 1026 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many fair price shops were functioning on 1st February 1954;

(b) the approximate supply of rice to the fair price shops per week; and

(c) how many rice ration shops were functioning in the year 1950?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) 3,888 fair price shops and 2,277 ration shops were functioning in the derationed areas and in the informally rationed areas of the State, respectively.

"(b) The approximate supply of rice per week to the fair price shops and ration shops is 3,711 tons.

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" (c) 12,288 ration shops were functioning in the Madras State, excluding Andhra districts, when district-wide rationing was in force."

Payment of risk allowance to the staff of the Mental Hospital, Madras.

* 1027 Q.—Sri D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any risk allowance is paid to the doctors and their subordinates in the Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, and in the other infectious diseases hospitals in the City of Madras; and

(b) whether this allowance is paid to menials also and if not, why?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The doctors and the nurses employed in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, are being paid a risk allowance. But those employed in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in the City which is under the control of the Corporation are not paid such allowance.

" (b) The menial staff in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Tondiarpet is not paid any risk allowance. But a risk allowance of Rs. 3 per mensem has since been sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1954 to the attendants and toties in the Government Mental Hospitals at Madras and Kozhikode."

Grant of house-rent allowance to the staff of the work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Public Works Department.

* 1028 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers like maistris, carpenters and others belonging to work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Publit Woks Department requesting to grant them house-rent allowance; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The request was not granted as it was not admissible. The staff of the work-charged establishment are paid at market rates prevailing in the locality which include the element of house-rent allowance also."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM:—" கட்டிடம் கட்டும் தொழிலாளிகளாக இருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு வீடுகள் குடியிருப்பதற்குத் தேவையில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகின்றதா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" I have stated that house-rent allowance is aslo reckoned in the calculation of their pay."